

**CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

FINAL MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, ~~June 14~~, August 16, 2000

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Derby Club • Island View Club Room
10 W. Harbor Blvd. • Ventura, CA

In Attendance:

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Member Mark Helvey

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Member Jim Shevock

US COAST GUARD

Member Lt. Yuri Graves

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Alternate Fred Piltz, Ph.D.

US NAVY

Member Alex Stone

Alternate Ron Dow

CA DEP'T. OF FISH & GAME

Alternate LT. Jorge Gross

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

Member Gary Timm

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Alternate Jackie Campbell

COUNTY OF VENTURA

Alternate Jack Peveler

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

**CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE
SANCTUARY**

LCDR Matthew Pickett, Manager

**MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE
SANCTUARY**

William Douros, Superintendent

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

TOURISM

Alternate Alex Brodie

Member Michael Finucan

BUSINESS

Alternate Dr. Dan Secord

RECREATION

Member Jim Brye

Alternate Bill Kendig

FISHING

Member Bruce Steele

CONSERVATION

Member Linda Krop

Alternate Greg Helms

EDUCATION

Alternate Larry Manson

RESEARCH

Member Leal Mertes, Ph.D.

Alternate Matthew Cahn, Ph.D.

PUBLIC AT-LARGE

Member Jon Clark

PUBLIC AT-LARGE

Member Marla Daily

Alternate Robert Duncan

PUBLIC AT-LARGE

Member Craig Fusaro, Ph.D.

Alternate Roberta Cordero

Not in attendance:

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Alternate Christina Fahy

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Alternate Gary Davis

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Member Drew Mayerson

CA DEP'T. OF FISH & GAME

Member Patricia Wolf

CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY

Member Brian Baird

Alternate Melissa Miller-Henson

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

Alternate Jack Ainsworth

COUNTY OF VENTURA

Member Lyn Krieger

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Member Dianne Meester

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

BUSINESS

Member Rudy Scott

FISHING

Alternate Chris Williams

EDUCATION

Member Dave Long

PUBLIC AT-LARGE

Alternate Barry Schuyler

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

**GULF OF THE FARALLONES/CORDELL
BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**

Ed Euber, Manager

1. Administrative Items and Announcements

1A. Call To Order and Roll Call

Chair Dr. Craig Fusaro called the meeting to order. SAC Coordinator Mike Murray called the role. A quorum of voting members was present (16 seats represented at roll call, with 3 additional seats represented by late arrivals). Total SAC attendance for the day: 29 (14 members, 13 alternates, 2 non-voting representatives).

1B. Introductory remarks (Craig Fusaro, Matt Pickett)

The following new SAC representatives were announced and introduced themselves:

- Jon Clark (appointed Public At-large member to replace Jean Michel-Cousteau)
- Bill Kendig (appointed Recreation alternate to replace Tony Gibbs)
- Roberta Cordero (appointed Public At-large alternate to replace Mick Kronman)

Matt Pickett expressed to the Council the importance of the day's challenge: to provide CINMS with SAC (not individual) advice on a preferred alternative or range of alternatives for the DEIS.

1C. Meeting minutes

Craig Fusaro and Mike Murray commented that all Council member comments on previous draft meeting minutes have been incorporated, and that a finalized version of the May 17th, May 30th and June 14th meeting minutes has been posted on the Sanctuary's web site.

2. Public Comment Period (for issues not covered on the agenda)

Bill Buenger with the Port of Hueneme expressed concerns that a Sanctuary boundary expansion could bring negative economic impacts to shipping operations, thus hurting the port.

3. Management Plan Revision Process: Boundary Concept 1

The SAC engaged in a discussion of the CINMS announcement (on 7/14/00) to drop Boundary Concept 1 from further consideration in the DEIS process. Matt Pickett stated that if the SAC felt Concept 1 should be included in the DEIS, then CINMS would do so.

A motion was offered by Linda Krop that was seconded and passed (11-6-1) whereby the SAC advised CINMS to include and analyze Boundary Concept 1 in the DEIS.

4. Management Plan Revision Process, Continued

4A. Working Group comments

Linda Krop, Chair of the Conservation Working Group, reported that the group's membership had been established (17 members) and that the group had met on August 10 to discuss the management plan DEIS development. Linda delivered to the SAC a set of written recommendations from the Conservation Working Group. Linda provided an overview of the Working Group's recommendations, which included the following: 1) boundary concept #1 should be included in the DEIS; 2) An additional boundary alternative should be created that encompasses San Nicolas Island; 3) Boundary alternatives should include a reasonable range of regulatory options which focus on areas of jurisdictional conflict; 4) Boundary concept #1 should be the preferred alternative; 5) Personal motorized watercraft should be prohibited except where, depending upon the boundary definition, access is required by law; 6) vessels of 100 tons or more should be prohibited from operating within 3 nm of an island, except to transport persons or supplies to or from an island, or to fish; and 7) Effluent incidental to hydrocarbon exploration and exploitation activities should not be discharged or deposited within the CINMS.

4B. SAC Exercise: Issue Characterization and Prioritization

Matt Pickett emphasized again that he was looking to the SAC today to provide a singular voice on a preferred alternative.

The Council engaged in an exercise to rank each boundary concept/regulations package (concepts 1 through 6, with 6 being status quo) with relative scores that would indicate the option's suitability toward satisfying each of 19 selection criterion. The criteria reviewed were as follows:

- Ecosystem
 - contains unique and nationally significant resources
 - contributes to maintaining, restoring or enhancing resources

- contributes to protection of the area's natural resource and ecosystem value
- constitutes a definable ecosystem unit
- contributes to biogeographic representation of the site
- contributes to protection of offshore areas where there is no existing special area protection
- Social/Cultural
 - contains nationally significant cultural, archaeological, historical or paleontological resources
 - provides protection to areas of aesthetic significance
 - contains areas of significant recreational, research or educational value
 - contains areas where socio-economic impacts on users may be minimized while still protecting the marine resources
 - sanctuary designation provides increased socio-economic value to the region
 - provides opportunities to enhance public awareness, understanding, appreciation and wise use of the marine environment
- Administration
 - contributes to comprehensive and coordinated conservation management fulfilling NMS Act mandate
 - facilitates public and private uses compatible with marine resource protection
 - area is suitable for monitoring and enforcement
 - if another agency has jurisdiction over area, will Sanctuary designation or regulations add to resource protection
 - is there sufficient public/political support?
 - is there sufficient staff and financial resources to carry out effective management?
 - are the focus of management efforts consistent with the directives of the Sanctuary Designation Document?
- SAC-Suggested Additional Criteria
 - extent to which protection of the islands is detracted (Bruce Steele suggestion)
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The SAC spent most of the late morning and early afternoon working on the criteria-scoring exercise. Before the exercise was completed, the SAC decided to move on and attempt to find a Council position on a DEIS preferred alternative or alternatives. No scoring totals were tabulated from the exercise, and SAC members did not turn in their score sheets to CINMS.

After lunch, Craig Fusaro acknowledged Mettja Hong, CINMS Community Outreach Administrator, for the work she had done to assist the SAC. Craig explained that Mettja is leaving to begin graduate studies in geography at California State University San Diego. Matt Pickett presented a plaque to Mettja and also expressed thanks for her excellent work.

5. Public Comment

Roma L., League of Women's Voters. Roma expressed a hope that the final outcome of this process will give a stronger voice to the organisms that can't speak up.

Sharon Angel. Encouraged the SAC to think long term with respect to protecting the sanctuary.

Ariana Katovich. Commended the Conservation Working Group on their recommendations, and would like to see the sanctuary boundary extend to the coast.

Robert Buttermeyer, formerly with Lawrence Livermore Labs. Suggested that the SAC seek expert advice concerning the disused chemical munitions dumps within the management plan study area. Based on his experiences, he does not think these areas pose much of a threat to marine organisms.

Dan Pearson. Endorsed the Conservation Working Group recommendations, and encouraged the SAC to think long term.

6. Council Discussion of Management Plan

This section of the agenda was meant to provide an opportunity for the Council to discuss the Preliminary Staff Recommendations on Draft Regulations and, if possible, reach agreement on a recommendation to CINMS. The SAC engaged in a discussion of specific proposed regulations, and then conducted a series of straw polls on the boundary/regulation concepts.

Jim Shevock offered a motion, which was seconded by Bruce Steele, that the SAC advise CINMS to change the language of proposed regulation #15 (which provides that developing or conducting aquaculture within the sanctuary is prohibited) so that aquaculture activities are “permissible.” The motion passed 15 to 1.

In the first of a series of straw-polls designed to winnow down the number of boundary/regulation packages the SAC would consider recommending to CINMS as a possible preferred alternative, each member used up to three votes to selectively support the six options. SAC members were asked if they could support or live with each scenario. The results were as follows:

- Concept 1: 5 votes
- Concept 2: 9 votes
- Concept 3: 3 votes
- Concept 4: 4 votes
- Concept 5: 9 votes
- Concept 6 (status quo): 11 votes

Given the above votes, a motion was then passed (15-1-0) to eliminate Concepts 3 and 4 from further consideration as preferred options of the SAC.

The SAC then took another straw poll to determine the level of support for Concepts 1, 2, 5 and 6 (status quo). With each member casting only 2 votes, the results were as follows:

- Concept 1: 4 votes
- Concept 2: 7 votes
- Concept 5: 9 votes
- Concept 6 (status quo): 9 votes

Based on these results, Dan Secord introduced a motion that was seconded and passed (14-2-1) to eliminate Concept 1 from further consideration as a preferred option of the SAC.

Another straw poll was then taken to gauge the level of support for concepts 2, 5 and 6. With each SAC member casting only 2 votes, the results were as follows:

- Concept 2: 7 votes
- Concept 5: 3 votes
- Concept 6 (status quo): 8 votes

Following a caucus break, Marla Daily reported that those who had been favoring options 5 and 6 had reached consensus on an approach to combine elements of the two. Terming the option “5A,” Marla described an option that would include no new regulations (per #6), would specifically allow aquaculture by permit, and would have a squared off boundary area (per #5) with a modification that would encompass the disused chemical munitions dump south of Santa Cruz Island.

As time ran out on the meeting, Jon Clark introduced a motion that was seconded and passed (11-0-5) whereby the SAC agreed to recommend to CINMS that boundary/regulation packages 2 and “5A” be considered as potentially preferred alternatives in the DEIS.

Dianne Meester introduced a final motion that was seconded and passed (16-0-0) that called on the SAC (via Craig Fusaro) to write a letter to Dan Basta (Chief, Marine Sanctuaries Division) expressing appreciation for running the management plan process in such an inclusive manner.

Owing to time constraints, the remaining agenda items were not discussed, including the setting of agenda topics for the next SAC meeting, planning and scheduling of a SAC retreat, and setting SAC meeting dates for 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Meeting summary respectfully submitted by:

Michael Murray
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary